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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 9-173878, filed June 30, 1997 and 10-168567, filed June 16, 1998. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, a certified copy of the Japanese applications have been filed in parent Application No. 09/147,663, filed February 9, 1999.

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